WYOMING CROP PROGRESS



United States Department of Agriculture

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

WYOMING FIELD OFFICE

P.O. BOX 1148 · Cheyenne, WY 82003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 27, 2020



Contact: Rhonda Brandt (800) 892-1660

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wyoming experienced mostly above normal temperatures for the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Precipitation across Wyoming for the week ending April 26th was below normal. Moisture levels have not shifted from last week's report as only parts of the Wind River Range of Wyoming are rated as abnormally dry by the National Integrated Drought Information System. A reporter from Western Wyoming reported that conditions have been getting drier with producers prepping fields for crops. They also report that mornings are below freezing but the temperatures are quite warm during the day. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming indicated that corn is being planted and producers are setting up irrigation systems for hay. Another reporter from Southeastern Wyoming stated that the remaining snow is melting fast with the warmer temperatures and rangeland is getting green. Another reporter from Southeastern Wyoming reported that the days have been warm and planting is going well. Hay and roughage supplies for Wyoming were rated 14 percent very short, 20 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus, compared to 7 percent very short, 18 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, and 96 percent adequate, compared to 2 percent short, 97 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 12 percent fair, 83 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. Cattle death loss was rated as 1 percent heavy, 62 percent average, and 37 percent light. Sheep death loss was rated as 3 percent heavy, 76 percent average, and 21 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley	*			•
Planted	81	73	77	76
Emerged	34	23	32	35
Corn				
Planted	13	NA	1	9
Sugarbeets				
Planted	27	12	36	31
Winter wheat				
Jointed	2	NA	3	6
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	72	62	79	78
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambed	61	54	62	60
Sheep shorn	67	63	67	69

NA – not available

(--) - zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	5.3	4.0	4.7	4.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1			1
Short	8	4	6	19
Adequate	90	95	93	71
Surplus	1	1	1	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short			1	4
Short	11	8	8	19
Adequate	88	91	90	70
Surplus	1	1	1	7

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range	_			_
Very poor	1	1	1	2
Poor	2	4	8	10
Fair	32	29	36	32
Good	59	62	55	54
Excellent	6	4		2
Winter wheat				
Very poor	3	4	3	3
Poor	3	4	7	7
Fair	18	21	42	46
Good	68	64	45	40
Excellent	8	7	3	4
Livestock				
Very poor	1	1	1	
Poor	1	1	4	2
Fair	7	6	22	16
Good	89	90	73	77
Excellent	2	2		5

NA – not available

(--) – zero